The Division of Pediatric Surgery at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles brings together specialized pediatric knowledge in one of the country’s finest, most comprehensive pediatric surgical programs. The Division’s surgeons are international leaders with extensive experience in a wide array of complex procedures, from chest wall reconstructions to pulmonary, gastrointestinal and oncologic procedures, to the correction of congenital anomalies.

Our surgeons care for newborns to young adults and utilize laparoscopy and thoracoscopy to perform minimally invasive surgical procedures.

Treated disorders include:
• Anorectal anomalies
• Breast masses
• Congenital lesions of the head, neck and thyroid
• Esophageal anomalies
• Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)
• Gastrointestinal anomalies
• Head and neck lesions
• Hepatobiliary anomalies
• Hernias
• Hydroceles
• Inflammatory bowel diseases
• Liver diseases
• Masses
• Pectus excavation and other chest wall deformities
• Phimosis
• Pulmonary lesions
• Skin lesions
• Solid tumors including hepatoblastoma, neuroblastoma, sarcoma and Wilms tumor
• Undescended testes
• Vascular anomalies

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Awards and Recognition

- Largest pediatric surgical subspecialty group on the West Coast
- Subspecializing in all areas of general pediatric surgical care
- Well-established interdisciplinary care provided in collaboration with other CHLA specialists to streamline and achieve optimal outcomes

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Programs and Services

- Anorectal surgery
- Chest wall deformities
- CHILDReN (Childhood Liver Disease Research Network) Liver Research Center
- Colorectal Center
- Diaphragm pacing
- ECMO and fetal intervention
- General surgery
- Gynecology
- Intestinal rehabilitation
- Laparoendoscopic single-site (LESS) surgery
- Minimally invasive surgery
- Pediatric trauma
- Prenatal counseling
- Surgical oncology
- Thoracic surgery
- Vascular anomalies